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Dear Dr. Strange:

Thank you for the information and enclosures in your letter of the 10th. If you do adopt a trivial name or conclusive identification for "phragmose" I would appreciate hearing of it, as we may have occasion to refer to it.

Our mutant hunt is just under-way; so far we have isolated only partly-defective types (viz. whose wall-synthesis is not fully abolished) but even these will be worth testing against bacterial extracts and specific components. I will surely let you know if we run into anything concrete that would interest you.

If you feel you can spare them for a secondary interest, I would like to have your spore papers: I am impressed by the possible analogy of just-germinated spores with protoplasts. But don't deplete what you may be short of.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg